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News Release

ICE ARRESTS 31 FOREIGN NATIONAL CRIMINAL ALIENS

MIAMI- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers from ICE's Florida Field Office arrested 31 foreign national criminal aliens during a three-day enforcement operation in the tri-county area.

Seven are fugitives who have outstanding warrants and final orders of removal, and 24 are lawful permanent residents of the United States, but their crimes make them amenable to removal.

The crimes committed by those arrested include grand theft, sexual battery, drug trafficking and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

"Having a legal status in this country doesn't give any person the right to victimize our communities," said Michael Rozos, Florida's field office director. "Our officers are committed to protecting our citizens from these egregious offenders."

The three-day enforcement operation was conducted in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. The criminal aliens arrested are detained at ICE facilities in South Florida pending the outcomes of their cases.

This local operation is part of a significant ongoing law enforcement effort specifically focused on ensuring that criminal aliens who have no legal right to remain in the United States no longer pose a threat to our communities.

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